ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Fort Deposit, Lowndes Co., Ala., October 7, 1864.

The Delegates from the Churches composing the Alabama Association convened with the Bethel Church, according to appointment.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder B. H. Crumpton from Nehemiah 6: 3—"Why should the work cease?"

After a short recess the Delegates re-assembled, and the business of the Association was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Thornton. The Clerk being absent, G. W. Thomas was appointed Clerk *pro tem.* The Letters from the Churches being called for, were read by Brethren Lundy, Waller and Lloyd, and the names of the Delegates enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Providence—Not represented.
Shiloh—Sent Letter. No Delegates.
Mount Lebanon, Dallas Co.—T. J. Walne.
Centre Ridge—Not represented.
Town Creek—Sent Letter. No Delegates.
Sister Springs—Not represented.
Bethany—P. H. Lundy, H. Todd.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Benton—Sent Letter. No Delegates.
Mount Gilead—W. B. Haralson, T. Barlow.
Ash Creek—Sent Letter. No Delegates.
Hopewell—D. Lee, J. G. Brown, J. H. Robertson.
New Bethel—B. H. Crumpton, J. Posey.
Lowndesboro—Not represented.
Hayneville—Not represented.
Smyrna—T. Cook, T. Blake.
Bethel—S. Jordan, M. C. Goldsmith, R. M. Burt.
Good Hope—J. L. Lloyd, J. Peagler.
Steep Creek—G. W. McQueen.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Presley.

...ery First—G. W. Thomas.

...mery Second—W. W. Waller, T. F. Thomasson, W. J. Max-

...hoboth—Not represented.

...lim—Not represented.

Salem—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Ramah—G. G. McLendon, V. A. Pierson.

Antioch—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Mount Lebanon, Montgomery Co.—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Pine Level—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Bethesda—Not represented.

Midway—Not represented.

Liberty—Not represented.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Damascus—W. P. Rouse, J. A. Stringer, M. Bishop.

Greenville—J. T. Jones, G. M. Goldsmith.

Mount Olive—Not represented.

Sardis—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Philadelphia—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—J. A. Fonville, F. Armstrong, J. P. Cross.

New Ebenezer—Sent Letter. No Delegates.

Macedonia—T. M. Bailey, F. L. Ellis.

Ephesus—Not represented.

After the reading of the Letters, the Association organized by the election of Elder D. Lee, Moderator; G. W. Thomas, Clerk; W. B. Haralson, Treasurer.

Visiting Ministers, not members of the Association, were invited to seats, and to aid in the deliberations of the body.

The Church at Cedar Creek was admitted into the Association. Delegates—J. Soles, I. Ingraham.

The Moderator appointed the regular Committees:

On Religious Exercises—W. W. Waller, F. L. Ellis, T. Barlow, and the Deacons of Bethel Church.

On Missions, (to report next session,)—I. T. Tichenor, T. M. Bailey, J. L. Lloyd, M. Bishop, J. A. Fonville.

On the State of Religion in the Churches—B. H. Crumpton, H. Todd, T. Cook, J. A. Stringer, W. P. Rouse, J. P. Cross.

On Army Colportage, (to report next session,)—I. T. Tichenor, W. W. Waller, H. W. Watson, J. E. Bell, J. T. Jones.

On Documents—T. J. Walne, A. F. Goldsmith, R. M. Burt, J. G. Brown.

On Finance—J. T. Jones, F. Armstrong, J. H. Robertson.

Auditing Committee—J. L. Simpson, T. F. Thomasson, J. H. Robertson.

On motion, the Association set apart half an hour each day, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., to be spent in prayer for our country.

Appointed to-morrow morning, 10½ o'clock, for the meeting of the *Sunday School Society*, and 2 o'clock in the evening for the meeting of the *Bible Society*.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Pine Barren Association—Bro. J. B. Hawthorne.
Bethlehem " " C. L. Thornton.
Tuskegee " " W. E. Lloyd.
Cahaba " " M. T. Sumner.
Bethel " Sent Letter.

Domestic and Indian Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.—M. T. Sumner.

Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. Chambliss.

Returning of correspondence postponed till to-morrow morning.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported: Bro. Thornton to preach at the Stand to-morrow morning at half past 10; Bro. Walne to close.

A Committee consisting of Brethren Lundy, Bailey, Armstrong, Bishop and Jordan, was appointed to inquire into the condition of the destitute families of soldiers.

The Committee on Colportage reported through Bro. Waller; which report was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Treasurer's report from Colportage Committee was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Hawthorne.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The meeting of the Association was opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Bishop.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Pine Barren Association—B. H. Crumpton, J. L. Lloyd, T. J. Walne.

Tuskegee Association—T. F. Thomasson, W. W. Waller, P. H. Lundy, G. W. Thomas, T. Cook.

Bethlehem Association—B. H. Crumpton, J. L. Lloyd, R. M. Burt.

Salem Association—T. M. Bailey, M. Bishop.

Unity Association—T. Barlow.

Baptist State Convention—P. H. Lundy, B. H. Crumpton, T. J.

Walne, J. L. Lloyd, J. A. Fonville, M. Bishop, E. Presley, J. P. Cross, E. Armstrong, R. M. Burt.

At 10 o'clock suspended business to engage in prayer for our country. At half-past 10, by a previous resolution the Association gave way for the meeting of the Sunday School Society. At half-past 12 o'clock P. M. the Association resumed business.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called to order.

The Committee on Missions being absent, Bro. Waller presented a preamble and resolutions, which were read and adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Bro. Sumner, being invited, presented the claims of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board.

A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to $161 55.

Voted to appropriate $200 to the Foreign Mission Board.

Suspended business at 2 o'clock for the meeting of the Bible Society.

At 3 o'clock the Association resumed business.

The Committee on Religious Services reported, that Bro. J. L. Lloyd preach to-night at 7 o'clock; Bro. Hawthorne to preach the Missionary Sermon at the Stand to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock; Bro. Sumner to preach at the Stand at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon; Bro. W. E. Lloyd to preach at night; Bro. Walne to preach to the blacks at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The same Committee also reported as follows for the next annual meeting of the Association: Bro. T. M. Bailey to preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. J. A. Fonville, alternate. Bro. P. H. Lundy to preach the Missionary Sermon; Bro. C. F. Sturgis, alternate.

Voted to hold the next meeting with the Second Baptist Church in the city of Montgomery.

Committee on Documents reported through Bro. Walne. Received and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

By recommendation of this Committee, a day was set apart for fasting and prayer by the Churches of this Association, and the State Convention was requested to unite in its observance. Friday before the third Sunday in November was the day appointed.

Committee on State of Religion in the Churches reported through Bro. Crumpton. Received and adopted. [See Appendix D.]

Voted to spend a part of the half hour for prayer for the country in prayer and thanksgiving to God for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit, during the past year, upon the Churches of this Association.

Appointed Brethren Lee, Lundy and Barlow, a Committee to re-

port resolutions on the death of Bro. C. H. Cleveland; also on the death of Mrs. Tichenor, wife of Bro. Tichenor of Montgomery. W. W. Waller and G. W. Thomas were added to the Committee. [See Appendix E.]

The Treasurer's report was read by Bro. Thomasson, in the absence of Bro. Haralson. Referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Domestic Board of Missions in the Association, consisting of Brethren I. T. Tichenor, W. W. Waller, H. W. Watson, J. E. Bell and J. T. Jones, was continued another year.

Voted that when this Association adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow evening at the close of the services at the Stand.

Bro. Crumpton presented the following resolutions, which were laid on the table till to-morrow evening:

Resolved, That one of the crying sins of this country has been the neglect of the religious culture of our colored population.

Resolved, That the time has come when the voice of Southern Baptists should be heard loud and unequivocal in favor of reform.

Resolved, That one of the most fruitful and inviting fields for ministerial labor is among the slaves of the South; one which we can not neglect without incurring the displeasure of Heaven.

Resolved, That it is perfectly compatible with the safety of the country to allow our servants to assemble at our public places of worship, and that it should be permitted.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches composing this body, that they hold separate service for the benefit of the colored population of their respective communities.

Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Crumpton.

SABBATH.

In accordance with the report of Committee on Religious Exercises, Bro. Hawthorne preached at half-past 10 o'clock, to a large and attentive congregation at the Stand, from Hebrews xi: 16—"But now they desire a better country, that is a heavenly."

At the close of the services a collection was taken up for Army Missions, amounting to $1721 80 in cash, and $4500 in pledges.

At 2 o'clock Bro. Wilkes presented the claims of the Orphan Asylum. A collection was taken amounting to $148 90. Several thousand dollars were also pledged for the same object.

Bro. Walne preached to the blacks, and Bro. W. E. Lloyd preached at night.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

Association met. Singing, and prayer by Bro. Chambliss.

Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday.

Report of Committee on the death of Bro. Cleveland and Mrs. Tichenor was made by Bro. Lundy. Adopted. [See Appendix E.]

Report of Committee on Destitute Soldiers' Families was made by Bro. Lundy. Adopted. [See Appendix F.]

Bro. Armstrong made a report for the Finance Committee, which was referred to Auditing Committee. Auditing Committee reported the accounts correct.

The resolutions presented on yesterday by Bro. Crumpton, in regard to the religious culture of slaves, were adopted.

Voted to pay the Clerk $100 for his services. The balance of the Minute Fund to be used in printing Minutes.

Suspended business five minutes to take up a collection for the Sunday School Board, located at Greenville, South Carolina. $119 25 collected.

The following resolutions were prrsented by Bro. Wilkes, and adopted:

Resolved, That the orphans of our deceased soldiers have not only a claim upon our sympathy, but upon our personal efforts to aid in raising and educating them; and that we recognize the claim, and will give of our means to provide for them.

Resolved, That the Orphan Asylum is an enterprise of the *first* importance, and demands the aid of the Baptists of the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the Churches of this Association be requested to place the subject of the Asylum before their Churches and congregations, and earnestly solicit their aid.

The following resolutions were presented by Bro. Waller, and adopted:

Resolved, That the manner in which our enemies have conducted this wicked and unjust war, and the avowed object for which it is waged, convince us more than ever of the necessity of separation from them, and strengthen our firm resolve never to submit, on any terms, to political union with them.

Resolved, That we renew to each other, to our fellow-citizens, and to the government of our choice, the solemn pledges of our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor, never to yield this struggle until the blessing of God shall crown our efforts with liberty and independence.

Bro. Crumpton presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the citizens of Fort Deposit and community for their kind hospitality during the session of this body.

After a fervent prayer by the Moderator, and the singing of the hymn—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in christian love,"

the Association adjourned to meet with the Second Baptist Church in the city of Montgomery, on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1865.

DAVID LEE, Moderator.

G. W. Thomas, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage report: That the work assigned them has been performed to the best of their ability. Finding it impossible to get Bibles, Testaments or Tracts, for distribution in the hospitals, except such as were placed in the hands of the Committee at the last session of this body, and knowing the great demand for religious reading, the Committee, after mature deliberation, appropriated the six hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of this body, to the distribution of the "South-Western Baptist," and ordered the papers to be sent in response to calls made by the soldiers from this State. They then proceeded to take up a collection in each of the Baptist Churches in the city of Montgomery. From the First Church they received $500—from the Second Church $130.

They then ordered one hundred copies of the "South-Western Baptist" to be sent to Montgomery. The papers have been received, and have been distributed by the various missionaries of the Baptist denomination, who have labored in the hospitals in Montgomery.

In addition to the work done in Montgomery, the Committee placed in the hospital at Greenville one hundred and six volumes of books, and distributed about three hundred copies of minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. WALLER.

B

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSIONS.

Whereas, the Committee on Missions, appointed at the last session of this body, have failed to attend or send up any report; and whereas, the great and ostensible object to be accomplished by this body is the success of Missions; therefore—

Resolved, That we deeply regret the failure of the Committee to report to this session of the Association.

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign and Domestic Missions demands our earnest prayers and liberal contributions, and that in this dark hour of war we should not falter nor relax our energies in the work, but should feel that our

obligations are increased, and that while the Lord is encouraging us we should be more faithful in laboring in His vineyard.

Resolved, That while we are cut off from our Foreign Missionaries, we will still make our usual contributions to that cause, and thereby show to the world that we are determined to sustain the work.

Resolved, That it is with profound gratitude to God that we have heard of the success of the Gospel in the Confederate Army, and our hearts have been made to rejoice and praise Him for His goodness in the conversion of so many of our brave men.

Resolved, That we will take encouragement from this evidence of answer to prayer and labor, and that we will in future make more vigorous efforts to sustain and increase the work of Army Missions.

C

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to report, that the Benton Church reports the death of their venerable Deacon, Bro. W. Gresham, who, since the last session of your body, has been called from his field of labor upon earth to his reward in Heaven.

The Shiloh Church reports the death of that aged father in Israel, and efficient Deacon, Bro. C. H. Cleveland, who for a number of years was one of the most active and efficient members of your body. In the death of this devoted servant of God, the Church of which he was a member, the Alabama Association, and our common Zion have sustained a loss long to be felt and hard to be repaired.

The New Bethel Church requests this Association to set apart a day of fasting and prayer, to be observed by the Churches composing this Association, in behalf of our suffering land.

Your Committee would beg leave to urge compliance with this request.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. WALNE, Ch'n.

D

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee on State of Religion in the Churches have decided upon the following report:

Upon an examination of the letters from the various Churches, we ascertain that, in addition to perfect harmony, there has never been, all things considered, such a display of God's power and love in the conversion of souls. In addition to a great increase in piety, they are all characterized by an uncommon liberality. We are happy to state that God is moving mightily among the Churches that compose our body, notwithstanding the apparent difficulties.

Your Committe would recommend that this body appoint a half hour, some day, to be used in praise to God for such wonderful displays of His love.

Respectfully submitted.

B. H. CRUMPTON, Ch'n.

E

MEMORIAL ON THE DEATH OF BRO. C. H. CLEVELAND AND MRS. E. C. TICHENOR.

The Committee appointed to report on the death of our much beloved brother, Deacon C. H. Cleveland, would offer the following:

Bro. Cleveland was no ordinary man. Endowed by nature with a strong and vigorous intellect, mellowed down by piety, he was calculated to exert a salutary influence upon any organization with which he might be connected. For about thirty years he was identified with the Alabama Association, as an active, pious and efficient member. The glory of God and the welfare of the Redeemer's Kingdom was the end for which he labored. He was the warm and constant friend of missions at home and in foreign lands, and contributed largely of his means for the spread of the Gospel. Every enterprize that had for its object the glory of God, or man's advancement on earth, received his prayers and his contributions.

The death of such a man is a great calamity, and is most keenly felt by those who knew his worth. Long will the memory of our beloved Brother Cleveland be fondly cherished by the members of this Association.

Therefore, resolved, That we deeply sympathise with the family of our deceased brother, and with them mourn the loss of the loved dead.

Your Committee have also heard with sorrow of the late bereavement of our beloved brother, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, in the death of his most estimable wife, Mrs. E. C. Tichenor. Sister Tichenor was in the prime of life, with a mind highly cultivated, and remarkable for her piety. She was admirably qualified to aid her husband in the arduous and important duties assigned him.

We would offer to our beloved brother our sympathies, and pray our Heavenly Father to afford to him grace in this his hour of deep distress; that he may bow in humble submission to the will of our Divine Master, and look forward to a union with the loved ones gone before, in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

P. H. LUNDY, Ch'n.

F

REPORT ON THE POOR FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.

The Committee on the support of the poor and families of soldiers would make the following report:

If it was necessary one year since to pass resolutions binding ourselves to minister to the wants of the poor, and to the families of our absent soldiers, it is now more necessary from the fact that provisions are now commanding higher prices, and perhaps a larger number of families demanding assistance. We would therefore most earnestly recommend all needy families to the kind protecting care of those able to minister to their wants. And we herby pledge ourselves to give or to sell to the poor and to the needy families of soldiers at such prices as they may be able to pay, that none may absolutely suffer for the common necessaries of life.

P. H. LUNDY, Ch'n.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

Made out according to data furnished by Bro. G. W. Thomas, Clerk of the Association.

Amount receipts sent up by Churches for Army Missions		$2,316 60
" cash " " " " " "		1,658 49
		$3,975 09
" Hat collection " " "		1,721 80
" " " Bible Society p'd to M. T. Sumner for do		106 97
Whole amount in cash and receipts		$5,803 86
" paid to Clerk for printing Minutes, Bible So. share		25 00
" sent up by Churches for Foreign Missions		47 00
" Hat collection " " " "		161 55
" sent up by Churches for Domestic Missions		10 00
" " " " " Indian "		10 00
" " " " " Orphan Asylum		96 05
" Hat collection " " "		148 90
" " " " Sabbath School Board		119 25
" raised in S. S. Society from life and annual members		135 00
" sent up by Churches for printing Minutes		384 21
		$6,940 82
" Pledges for Army Missions		$4,500 00

W. B. HARALSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COLPORTAGE SOCIETY.

H. W. WATSON, Treasurer of the Colporteur Society, connected with the Alabama Association.

1864.	DR.	
March 23. To cash received of I. T. Tichenor		$600 00
" " " 1st Baptist Church, Montgomery		500 00
" " " 2d " " "		130 00
" " " Joshua Jones		10 00
" " " M. W. Smith		10 00
		$1,250 00
1864.	CR.	
March 23. By cash paid S. Henderson, per receipt		$1,100 00
" " on hand in Confederate Notes		150 00
		$1,250 00

which is subject to the order of the Society.

Most respectfully reported.

H. W. WATSON, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.

J. L. SIMPSON, Ch'n Aud. Com.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Army Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Orphan Asylum.	Total.
Shiloh	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 10 00
Mount Lebanon	15 25	$863 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	878 60
Town Creek	18 00	123 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 00
Bethany	10 00	195 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	205 00
Cedar Creek	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Benton	7 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 25
Mount Gilead	10 00	115 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00
Ash Creek	10 00	176 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	186 67
Hopewell	12 00	82 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 59
New Bethel	10 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00
Smyrna	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Bethel	10 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 25
Good Hope	22 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00
Steep Creek	6 50	284 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	290 75
Unity	9 25	38 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 50
Montgomery 1st	37 00	439 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	476 15
Montgomery 2d	37 15	100 00	37 00	.....	.....	.....	174 15
Salem	10 00	63 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 50
Ramah	10 00	84 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 83
Antioch	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Pine Level	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Damascus	21 90	350 75	.....	.....	.....	27 15	399 80
Greenville	25 33	850 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	875 33
Sardis	8 00	38 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 25
Philadelphia	12 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 83
Hickory Grove	5 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	.....	75 00
New Ebenezer	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 50
Macedonia	10 00	42 50	.....	.....	.....	68 90	121 40
	384 21	3975 09	47 00	10 00	10 00	96 05	4522 35
Hat Collection		1721 80	161 55			148 90	2032 25
	384 21	5696 89	208 55	10 00	10 00	244 95	6554 60

From life and annual members of Bible Society..$131 97, p'd to Army Mis.
" S. School of 1st Church, Montgomery..... 245 27, " "
" " 2d " " ..... 110 65, " "
" life and annual members of S. S. Society... 135 00, " "

Hat collection, $119 25, paid to Bro. Chambliss, Agent of the Sunday School Board at Greenville, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted, F. ARMSTRONG, for Finance Com.

Audited and found correct.

J. L. SIMPSON, Ch'n.

Received since the adjournment of the Association, from Mount Lebanon Church, Montgomery county, for Minutes, $10; for Army Missions, $23 75.

G W. THOMAS, Clerk.

MINUTES

Of the Bible Society of the Alabama Baptist Association.

SATURDAY EVENING, Oct. 8,—2 o'clock.

The Bible Society of the Alabama Baptist Association met.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Sumner.

The President being absent, Bro. Bishop, 1st Vice President, in the Chair.

The Secretary being absent, G. W. Thomas was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

An opportunity was given to those present to become members of the Society, by paying $20 for life directorship; $10 for life membership; $1 for annual membership.

The following names were enrolled, and sums paid as annexed:

M. Bishop, $2 25; L. Bishop, $1; P. H. Lundy, $1; T. M. Bailey, $3 25; Mrs. A. J. Bailey, $3 25; W. E. Lloyd, $5; C. L. Thornton, $1; J. A. Fonville, $1; E. Presley, $1; Mrs. J. Presley, $1; W. J. Maxwell, $1; J. L. Lloyd, $1; W. P. Rouse, $1; T. F. Thomasson, $10; J. A. Stringer, $1; G. W. McQueen, $1; J. M. Hook, $1; J. P. Stier, $1; F. Armstrong, $3 25; M. A. J. Black, $1; G. Smith, $1; J. A. Steele, $1 25; Mrs. J. Steele, $1; Miss M. C. Steele, $1; J. Kennedy, $2; S. Jordan, $1; I. Pugh, $1; D. Lee, $1; Mrs. Borganier, $1; Mrs. F. L. Ellis, $1; Mrs. F. O. Ellis, $1; Miss Majors, $1; T. Barlow, $1; W. W. Waller, $10; Mrs. N. E. Carr, $1; Mrs. R. C. Thames, $1; Mrs. M. J. NeSmith, $1; Mrs. T. Blake, $2; Mrs. S. A. Merriwether, $2; Miss C. A. Merriwether, $1; Miss S. Bishop, $2 05; T. J. Walne, $1; A. Ambrose, $1; Mrs. E. L. Black, $1; W. B. Bowden, $1; J. L. Blanchet, $1; R. J. Carr, $1; N. E. Carr, $1; E. Allen, $1; H. F. Hinds, $1; W. Jones, $1; Mrs. S. C. Merriwether, $1; Mrs. E. F. Goldsmith, $1; Mrs. M. E. Watson, $1; Mrs. S. E. Gresham, $1; Mrs. E. Hagood, $1; Miss M. Harris, $1; Mrs. F. M. Smith, $1; Mrs. P. Little, $1; Miss F. Ellis, $1; Miss R. Kolb, $1; Mrs. A. J. Garner, $1; Mrs. M. L. McFall, $1; Miss M. Hurston, $1; Miss A. Thompson, $1; Mrs. L. A. Sale, $1; Miss L. Burt, $1; Mrs. M. E. McMeans, $1; Mrs. F. Tankersly, $1; Miss M. Borganier, $1; J. P. Cross, $1; Miss M. Smith, $1; Miss M. L. Harris, $1; Miss E. McDaniel, $1; H. Todd, $1; I. Ingram, $1; Mrs. Farrow, $5; E. C Sims, $1; R. H. Searight, $1; G. W. Thomas, $5; W. E. Harris, $1; Mrs. S. Sales, $1; Mrs S.

Bussey, $1; M. E. Burt, $1; Mrs. E Moore, $1; Frank Burt, $1; Miss F. Kolb, $1.

On motion, voted that the money in the hands of the Treasurer, and what may be raised at this time, except $25, be turned over to the Missionary Board at Marion.

Voted to publish the proceedings of this Society in the Minutes of the Association, and that $25 be appropriated for that purpose.

Officers elected for the coming year: H. W. Watson, President; M. Bishop, 1st Vice President; G. G. McLendon, 2d Vice President; G. W. Thomas, Secretary; W. B. Haralson, Treasurer.

Adjourned to the next meeting of the Alabama Association.

M. BISHOP, V. President.

G. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

Received since the adjournment of the Association, from Mrs. E. C. Harris, $1; Mrs. E. Bowden, $1. SECRETARY.

MINUTES

Of the Sabbath School Society of the Alabama Baptist Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 8,—10½ o'clock.

The Sabbath School Society convened—W. W. Waller, President, in the Chair.

Opened the meeting with singing, and prayer by Bro. Bailey.

The Secretary being absent, G. W. Thomas was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

An opportunity was given those present to become members of the Society by paying the following sums: For annual membership, $2; for life membership, $20.

Names enrolled as follows:

T. F. Thomasson, $20; B. H. Crumpton, $20; Mrs. E. Presley, $20; W. W. Waller, $10; New Bethel Sabbath School, $5; T. A. Carson, $2; Mrs. K. Carson, $2; W. J. Maxwell, $2; E. Presley, $2; R. M. Burt, $2; M. Bishop, $2; D. Lee, $2; Mrs. E. Simpson, $2; G. W. Thomas, $2; T. Barlow, $2; W. P. Rouse, $2; J. L. Lloyd, $2; T. M. Bailey, $2; Mrs. A. J. Bailey, $2; P. H Lundy, $2; J. P. Cross, $2; Mrs. M. Burt, $2; Mrs. E. Burt, $2; Mrs. M. A. Lloyd, $2; Mrs. E. G. Rudolph, $2; Mrs. O. L. Verdery, $2; Mrs. R. C. Thomas, $2; Mrs. E. D. Wright, $2; Miss E. Hagood, $2; Mrs. A M. Kolb, $2; Mrs. L. Burt, $2; Miss R. M. Kolb, $2; Miss C. L. Kolb, $2; Mrs. J. C. Patrick, $2; Mrs. S. O. Merriwether, $2.

Called for letters and reports from Sabbath Schools.

Letters were read from the Sunday Schools of the First and Second Churches in Montgomery.

First Church, Montgomery.—Number of pupils, 192: teachers, 34; number of teachers baptized, 1; number of pupils baptized, 35; copies of Child's paper taken, 150; volumes in Library, 899; contributed to benevolent objects, $1192 76; G. W. Thomas, Superintendent.

Second Church, Montgomery.—Number of teachers, 16; number of scholars, 159; number of teachers baptized, 2; number of pupils baptized, 12; number of Child's paper taken, 120; volumes in Library, 150; amount of funds sent to the S. S. Society, $110 65; H. W. Watson, Superintendent.

Damascus Church.—Number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 40; number of volumes in Library, 100; J. K. McLendon, Supt.

Verbal reports of other schools were given, but no statistics.

Bro. Waller, from Committee for the disbursement of the funds of the Society, made the following report, which was adopted:

The officers of the Sunday School Society residing in the city of Montgomery, having been appointed as a Board for the Society at its last session, and instructed to spend the money in the treasury of the Society in the purchase and distribution of Sunday School Books, and make such donations as they thought proper, beg leave to report:

That in consequence of the disturbed condition of the country, caused by the distressing and cruel war now waged against us as a nation, they have made no appropriations. They do not now see that the work contemplated in the appointment of the Board can be accomplished. In view of these facts, they recommend that all the money now on hand in the treasury, together with what may be received at this session for life and annual memberships, be given to the support of Army Missions, except the amount appropriated for the publication of Minutes; and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay it over to the Marion Board, and take a receipt for the amount.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WALLER, Ch'n.

A Committee of two from each District of the Association was appointed to look after Sabbath School interests in their respective Districts.

First District.—P. H. Lundy, B. H. Crumpton.

Second District.—T. M. Bailey, R. M. Burt.

Third District.—W. W. Waller, T. J. Miles.

Fourth District.—M. Bishop, J. L. Lloyd.

Bro. Thomasson, Treasurer of the Society, made his annual report, which was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN—As your Treasurer, I beg leave to report as follows:

T. F. THOMASSON, in account with the Sabbath School Society connected with the Alabama Association.

1863.	DR.	
Oct.	Cash on hand	$22 40
	Contributions for membership	166 00
	Contributed by 1st Baptist Church, Montgomery	25 00
	Special contribution on Sunday for the Board at Greenville, South Carolina	676 00
	Total	$889 40

1863.	CR.	
Oct.	Paid Bro. Bell, per order, for Minutes	$ 25 00
1864. Mar. 1.	Paid B. Manly, per order, for Board at Greenville, South Carolina	500 00
	Balance on hand	$364 40

Which is subject to your order.

T. F. THOMASSON, Treasurer.

Voted to publish the proceedings of this Society in the Minutes of the Association, and appropriated $40 for that purpose.

Elected officers for the coming year: W. W. Waller, President; G. W. Thomas, Secretary; T. F. Thomasson, Treasurer.

Society adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

SABBATH MORNING, Oct. 9.

Sabbath School Society met at the call of the President.

Bro. Chambliss, Agent of the Sunday School Board at Greenville, S. C., made an interesting address on the subject of Sunday Schools. Closing remarks by the President.

Adjourned to the next meeting of the Alabama Association.

W. W. WALLER, President.

G. W. THOMAS, Secretary.

Received, since the adjournment of the Association, $12 25 from Damascus Sunday School, to purchase Sabbath School Books for the destitute; also, $4 from Misses F. and A. M. F. Kolb, to be made annual members; $4 from persons unknown. Total, $20 25.

SECRETARY.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES FOR 1864.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Voucher.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Whole Number.	Sabbath Meetings.
FIRST DISTRICT.														
Providence	Orville	No Statistics												
Shiloh	Selma	D. Peebles	H. F. Calloway	28	1	..	1	....	....	1	24	368	402	4
Center Ridge	Carlowville	No Statistics												
Mount Lebanon	Pleasant Hill	T. J. Walne		47	3	5	1	4	1	1	83	188	221	
Town Creek	Benton	D. Peebles	W. W. Hardy	46	2	4	2	1	1	6	....	....	299	2
Sister Springs	"	No Statistics												
Bethany	"	P. H. Lundy	D. Rast	9	....	....	....	1	....	1	35	191	226	1
Cedar Creek	Farmersville		J. Sole	33	.	3	....	2	....	....	36	30	66	
SECOND DISTRICT.														
Benton	Benton	P. H. Lundy	W. H. Sayre	6	....	2	....	....	....	3	24	22	46	2
Mount Gilead	"	P. H. Lundy	J. A. Edwards	18	....	2	....	....	6	2	45	224	269	3
Ash Creek	"	C. F. Sturgis	H. Orum	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	41	100	141	2
Hopewell	Mount Willing	D. Lee	J. H. Robertson	....	....	1	....	4	1	....	129	80	209	1-3
New Bethel	Bragg's Store	B. H. Crumpton	J. T. Posey	35	...	5	....	....	....	....	80	50	130	1-3
Lowndesboro	Lowndesboro	No Statistics												
Hayneville	Hayneville	No Statistics												
Smyrna	Fort Deposit	D. Lee	T. Blake	7	....	1	....	1	....	....	10	20	30	4
Bethel	"	J. E. Bell	R. M. Burt	22	....	10	....	4	1	....	133	20	153	1
Good Hope	Manningham	J. L. Lloyd	J. M. Thigpen	12	....	2	....	2	....	....	46	12	58	4
Steep Creek	Hayneville	J. A. Fonville	U. G. W. Powell	6	....	....	....	3	....	..	46	44	90	1
THIRD DISTRICT.														
Unity	Prattville	P. H. Lundy	B. F. Smith	8	....	....	....	....	1	2	62	71	133	4
Montgomery First	Montgomery	I. T. Tichenor	J. C. Stratford	114	....	20	5	26	9	13	245	455	700	E. S.
Montgomery Second	"	A. Williams	A. Howard	19	....	7	....	5	3	5	92	....	92	E. S.
Rehoboth	"	No Statistics												
Elim	"	No Statistics												
Salem	"	J. M. Holmes		36	....	....	....	2	....	1	19	85	104	3
Ramah	Ramah	G. G. McLendon	C. R. Waller	12	3	10	....	3	....	6	58	11	69	2
Antioch	Mount Meigs	H. D. Taliaferro	T. R. Lide	40	3	1	2	8	6	24	20	453	473	
Mount Lebanon	Oakley	G. G. McLendon	J. H. Bradshaw	6	....	2	....	1	1	1	30	47	77	
Pine Level	Pine Level	T. J. Miles	H. W. Clark	18	....	9	....	3	1	....	95	10	105	
Bethesda	Sharpsville	No Statistics												
Midway	Pine Level	No Statistics												
Liberty	"	No Statistics												
FOURTH DISTRICT.														
Damascus	Greenville	M. Bishop	J. A. Stringer	40	....	5	1	10	7	3	179	37	216	
Greenville	"	J. E. Bell	S. Pierson	4	1	8	1	10	2	....	92	52	144	E. S.
Mount Olive	"	No Statistics												
Sardis	Pigeon Creek	M. Bishop	P. H. Drake	7	....	1	....	2	2	3	....	....	56	
Philadelphia	Argus	J. J. Harris	H. F. Hinds	11	....	....	....	1	....	3	27	12	39	
Hickory Grove	Letohatchee	J. A. Fonville		....	....	....	....	2	5	1	31	26	57	3
New Ebenezer	Argus	T. M. Bailey	E. L. Griffin	17	1	3	....	....	1	5	....	....	55	2
Macedonia	Greenville	T. M. Bailey	L. G. Camp	5	....	7	....	....	....	2	....	....	40	
Epheaus		No Statistics												